

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 8 as shown, material inserted is indicated by underlining (insertion) and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~deletion~~).

1.-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a food and a health promoting agent, wherein the health promoting agent consists ~~consisting~~ essentially of polygalacturonides obtained by the process comprising the following steps:

- a) subjecting pectinous plant material to a pectin extraction in an aqueous medium to obtain a suspension comprising of a liquid phase comprising dissolved pectin and solids from the plant material;
- b) removing the solids from the suspension to obtain a liquid material;
- c) precipitating the pectin from the liquid material to obtain a pectin precipitate;
- d) dissolving the pectin precipitate in an aqueous medium and cleaving the dissolved pectin with purified endo-polygalacturonase to obtain polygalacturonides; and thereafter
- e) separating at least most of the water from the product obtained in step d) to recover a polygalacturonide preparation without using an additional separation step and without hydrolyzing any ester groups that are present.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the food is a beverage.
10. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the food is baby food.
11. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the food is canned food.
12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the polygalacturonides improve the taste of the food.